



For calendar year 2023 the Secretary of State's office sent over \$30M dollars to General Revenue. \$11.3M came from business filings, certified copies, bulk data information sales and plain copies and \$18.6M from varied registrations and filings through the SOS Securities Division.

In the 2024 SOS Budget year we were funded just over \$26.2M in General Revenue.

## **Business Services Division**

- Business filings – 518,492 (74% filed online) (to mention a few - 93,260 new LLC, 37,198 Fictitious Names, 5763 General Businesses, 4068 Non-Profit Corporations).
- New Commissioned Notaries – 17,088.
- Uniform Commercial Code filing – 159,078 (94% filed online).
- Service of Process received – 2,947.
- Safe at Home – current enrolment as of Jan 1, 2024 is 3651 (Since the inception of the program in Aug 2007 – 9359 adults and children have been served).

## **Securities Division**

- Restitution – we sent back \$539,920 to aggrieved investors.
- Enforcement numbers –
  - 211 Complaints
  - 52 Open investigations and 49 closed investigations
  - 20 Administrative Proceedings
- Restitution and Investor Education & Protection fund – collected \$1.3M
- Examinations – 76
- Broker-Dealers applications and individual application processed – 585

## **Initiative Petitions**

- For this election cycle we received 172 IPs of which 148 have been approved for circulation.

## **Elections**

- My office participated in eight cyber security tabletop exercises across the state with local election authorities and other local, state and federal partners.
- Provided training to all 42 new local election authorities and their staff on the statewide voter registration database.
- Provide list maintenance reports to local election authorities as resources for accurate registrations of voters.
- Ongoing quarterly monitoring of local election authorities for compliance of maintaining voter records (felons, deceased, moves, canvass).
- Implemented optional political party affiliation.
- Provided cybersecurity and physical security training for local election authorities statewide.

## Elections Cont.

- The Elections Integrity Unit investigated 39 filed election complaints.
- Voter ID for 2023 – my office has assisted 442 patrons in answering question and getting documents needed to get their non-drive license from Department of Revenue.
- From June 1, 2022 thru July 1, 2023 there were 7,168,952 voter updates/changes that occurred in the Missouri Centralized Voter Registration data base by Local Election Authorities (which included redistricting).

**Note: Candidate filing begins on February 27, 2024.**

## Missouri State Library

- Physical libraries that we can potentially support with grant and equalization funds is 363.
- We have received policies from every library in regards to our library rule.
- Over 1M items shared between libraries via courier, with 3 of the top 5 libraries borrowing and receiving being Missouri Evergreen libraries.
- 64 libraries make up Missouri Evergreen including some small libraries, with 5 libraries added in 2023 and other 8 library scheduled for 2024. Missouri Evergreen Libraries now have access to over 4M items and served over 762,000 Missourians.
- We helped 18 libraries build a website in 2023 and have helped 40 year to date.
- 135 Libraries held a Summer Library Program in 2023 with just under 250,000 children participating.
- Missouri State Library Awarded 150 grants to libraries totaling just over \$2M.
- Grants that can be applied for are:
  - Summer Library Program
  - STEM kits/Senior Memory kits
  - Technology (including grants for servers, wireless access points, public access computers and hotspots)
  - Literacy grants (including grants for early literacy programs, senior citizen focused programming and food literacy)
- In 2023, 3,168 state documents were uploaded and made publicly available, bring the total number of state documents available in our online collection to 18,525.
- We have the only online publicly assessible database containing a variety of state documents including Governor's Executive Orders are on our website and were viewed over 400,000 times in 2023.
- Reference Services checks books out to state employees and has online, professional databases available only to state employees. These databases were used 75,000 times in 2023 and over 2,000 articles and books were Interlibrary loaned from other libraries to state employees.

## Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library

- Circulated 725,271 items to Missouri patrons – digital cartridges, braille books, large print books and the Wolfner newsletter. Previously we would send one book per cartridge but due to new technology we now can send up to 20 books per cartridge to our patrons.
- We now have 2 recording studios to record books with all volunteer readers.
- Wolfner will be celebrating in 2024 its 100th anniversary.

## **Records Services Division**

- Includes the Missouri State Archives, the Records Management Division, the State Imaging Lab, the State Records Center, the Local Records Program and the State Conservation Lab.
- 12.3M records requests were provided through the Archives' website.
- 62,862 physical records requests filled (48,990 in the Records Center; 13,872 by Reference).
- 1,084 cubic feet of records processed (approximately 3.2M pages).
- 424,694 entries added by staff to online indexes and databases.
- 611 volunteers both online and in-person indexed an additional 158,972 records.
- 9,307 cubic feet of records disposed .
- 133,058 miles travelled to local government offices for records preservation and management.
- 2,419 contacts with local government officials by 12 field staff.
- 5,523 contacts with researchers and public program attendees.
- Completed 32 conservation projects for state and local government agencies at a value of \$243,770—including conserving the original manuscript of Tom Sawyer for Mark Twain Birthplace State Park.
- 291 imaging projects produced over 8M images for preservation and online access.

## **Administrative Rules**

- Administrative Rules – 1,522 filings for rulemaking and other items for publication in the Missouri Register which resulted in 2,324 pages of the Missouri Register being published and 4,067 pages of updates in the Code of State Regulations.

## **Blue Book for 2023-2024**

- The Blue Book is now available to order – forms are available if anyone would like one today – the cost is \$45 if we deliver to the Capitol or for pick up.